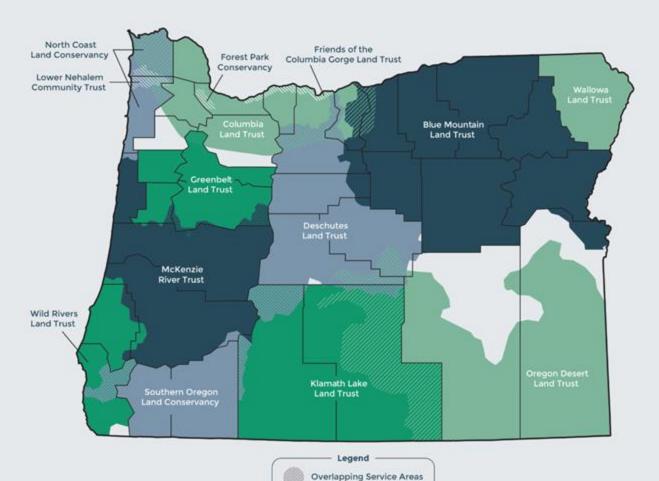


# LAND CONSERVATION & DRINKING WATER



#### **REGIONAL WORK**

Blue Mountain Land Trust

Columbia Land Trust

Deschutes Land Trust

Friends of the Columbia Gorge Land Trust

Forest Park Conservancy

Greenbelt Land Trust

Klamath Lake Land Trust

Lower Nehalem Community Trust

McKenzie River Trust

North Coast Land Conservancy

Oregon Desert Land Trust

Southern Oregon Land Conservancy

Wallowa Land Trust

Wild Rivers Land Trust

#### STATEWIDE WORK

Center for Natural Lands Management

Ducks Unlimited

Pacific Forest Trust

The Conservation Fund

The Nature Conservancy in Oregon

The Trust for Public Land

The Wetlands Conservancy

Western Rivers Conservancy

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Black Oregon Land Trust

Cerro Gordo Land Conservancy

Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District

East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District

Helvetia Community Association

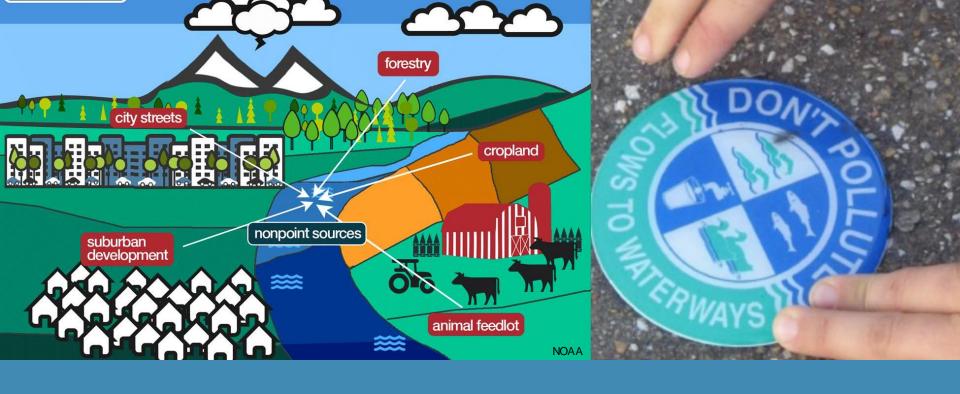
Northwest Rangeland Trust

Oregon Agricultural Trust

Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District

View the Future

Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District



# SOURCE WATER PROTECTION: POLLUTION SOURCES

# SOURCE WATER PROTECTION: TOOLS

- Education
- Partnerships
- Incentives
- Land use laws
- Restoration
- Land conservation

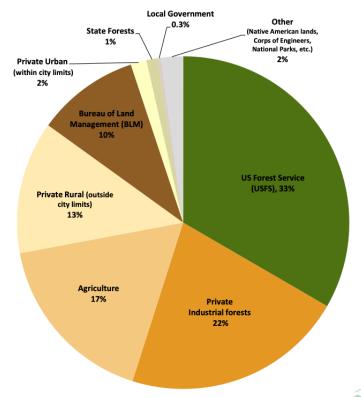




Land conservation is a key tool for protecting the natural lands that support our water sources.



#### Approximate Percentage of Land Use/Ownership within Surface Water Drinking Water Source Areas in Oregon



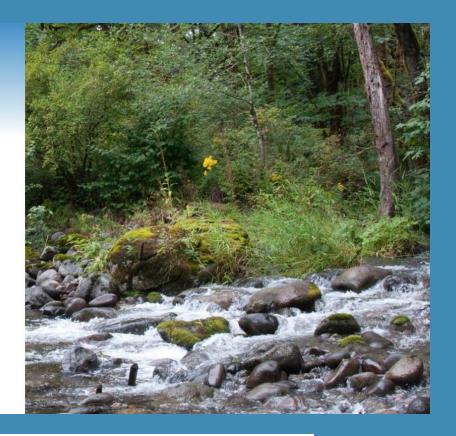
Drinking water source areas supplied by surface water comprise a total of 20,133 sq.mi (~20%) of Oregon. SW DWSAs cover ~60% of Western Oregon and ~2% of Eastern Oregon
Analysis includes 167 community and non-transient non-community public water systems using surface water or classified as groundwater under the direct influence of surface water (13 - GWUDI systems).



**BLOG: STORIES OF HOME** 

# DRINKING WATER DATA FOR COASTAL COMMUNITIES





Ecotrust Drinking Water Data: <a href="https://ecotrust.org/drinking-water-data-for-coastal-communities/">https://ecotrust.org/drinking-water-data-for-coastal-communities/</a>

# LAND CONSERVATION: TOOLS

### **Ownership**

Benefits: Control, Flexibility

Challenges: Cost, Long-term Management

#### **Conservation Easement**

Benefits: Cost, Management

Challenges: Complexity, Enforcement

#### **Deed Restriction**

Benefits: Cost, Administration

Challenges: Impermanence

## LAND CONSERVATION: MODELS

Community Owned

Partner Owned

Land Trust
Owned

Land Exchange

Bridge Buyer

**Community Forest** 

# LAND CONSERVATION: BENEFITS

### Water Supply

- Better Quality
- Reliable Quantity
- Reduced Treatment Costs
- Increased Resilience

#### **Co-Benefits**

- Climate resilience and mitigation
- Recreation and open space
- Supporting local economies
- Healthier and more equitable communities

#### WHO THIS GUIDE IS FOR:

- WATER PROVIDERS
- LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
- COMMUNITY MEMBERS
- LAND TRUSTS AND OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS

#### WHAT'S IN THE GUIDE:

- BACKGROUND ON HOW DRINKING WATER IS SOURCED, MANAGED, AND REGULATED
- AN EXPLANATION OF THE ROLE OF SOURCE WATER PROTECTION IN SECURING CLEAN DRINKING WATER
- AN OVERVIEW OF LAND CONSERVATION TOOLS
- AN OVERVIEW OF FUNDING SOURCES
- A FRAMEWORK FOR IMPLEMENTING LAND PROTECTION PROJECTS
- CASE STUDIES



https://oregonlandtrusts.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Source-Water-Guide-June-2023-Update.pdf

